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HIV/AIDS ACTIVITIES

With more than 1 million persons in the U.S. estimated to be infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), virtually every primary care health professional and many allied health personnel can expect to face responsibilities for providing care for HIV-infected persons. The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Bureau of Health Professions (BHPr) provides a Federal focus for the education and training of health professionals to deal with AIDS and HIV infections.

EDUCATION & TRAINING CENTERS

The Bureau supports a network of 13 regional AIDS Education and Training Centers (ETC) that serve as sources of expertise in prevention, diagnosis and care of AIDS patients. These ETCs train primary care providers to incorporate HIV prevention strategies into their clinical priorities and improve their capacities in the diagnosis, counseling and care of HIV infected patients and their families. Selected professionals are trained to serve as instructors and information resources in their home communities. And through a variety of mechanisms—short courses, on-site training, workshops, teleconferences and videotape or printed materials—these professionals reach out to health personnel to provide the latest information on HIV care as well as referrals on complex problems.

The first ETCs were launched in late 1987 and early 1988 in 11 cities. An evaluation of these ETCs is scheduled for completion in 1990.

The ETCs work closely with other HRSA AIDS programs, including the 21 service demonstration projects, the 13 pediatric AIDS service projects and the new service planning program for low prevalence areas, as well as HRSA-funded community and migrant health centers involved in AIDS care.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

In addition to the efforts of the ETCs, the Bureau is sponsoring other initiatives to develop suitable educational programs for health professionals. Seven key disciplines were represented at a November 1987 conference, following a series of prior task forces which developed curriculum recommendations on HIV-related education for health professions schools. Conference results, with multidisciplinary as well as discipline-specific recommendations, were provided to educational programs for medicine, dentistry, nursing, social work, public health personnel, physician assistants and emergency medical technicians.

The Bureau also is supporting the development of HIV/AIDS continuing education programs, or training institutes, for public health personnel and for administrators of health facilities. The training institutes will include approximately 18 hours of modularized instruction focusing on aspects of the HIV/AIDS epidemic of specific interest to these professions. The two training institutes will be pilot-tested and become available for distribution to BHPr supported AIDS Education and Training Centers and other interested organizations during 1989 and 1990.

The Bureau's commitment to HIV education is integrated into each of its other primary care training efforts. For approved and funded applications in 10 primary care training grant programs funding priority is being given to proposals that incorporate educational components related to HIV prevention and treatment. Programs with such funding priorities include Area Health Education Centers, various family medicine training programs, residency training in general internal medicine and general pediatrics, physician assistant training, advanced nurse education and advanced education in the general practice of dentistry.

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